VICTORIA AVEYARD

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RED SCHOOL

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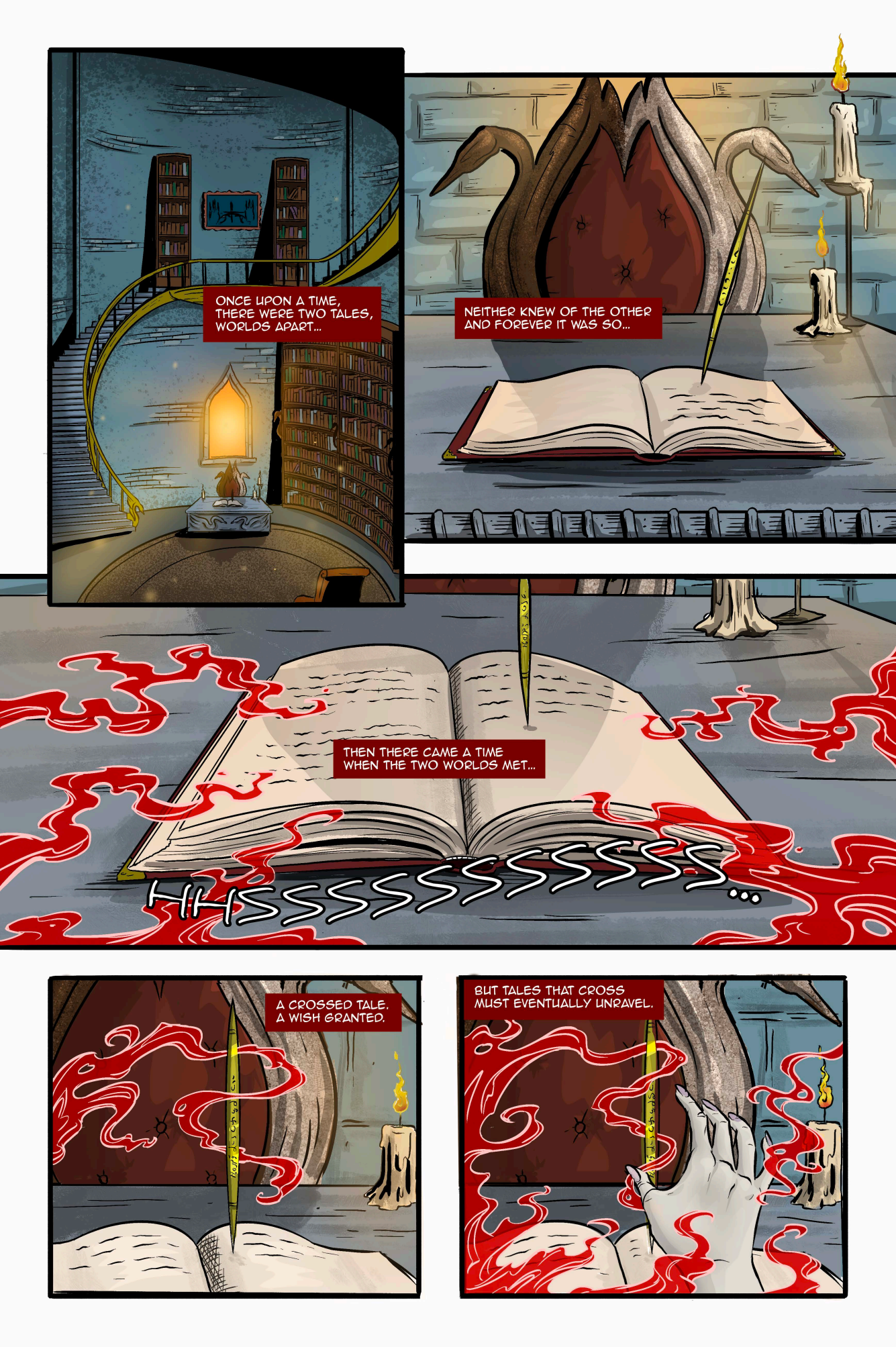
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WERE TWO TALES, WORLDS APART...
NEITHER KNEW OF THE OTHER AND FOREVER IT WAS SO...
THEN THERE CAME A TIME WHEN THE TWO WORLDS MET...
HHSSSSSSSSSSS...
A CROSSED TALE. A WISH GRANTED.
BUT TALES THAT CROSS MUST EVENTUALLY UNRAVEL.

AND ALL WHO WISH...
MUST BE CAREFUL WHAT THEY WISH FOR...
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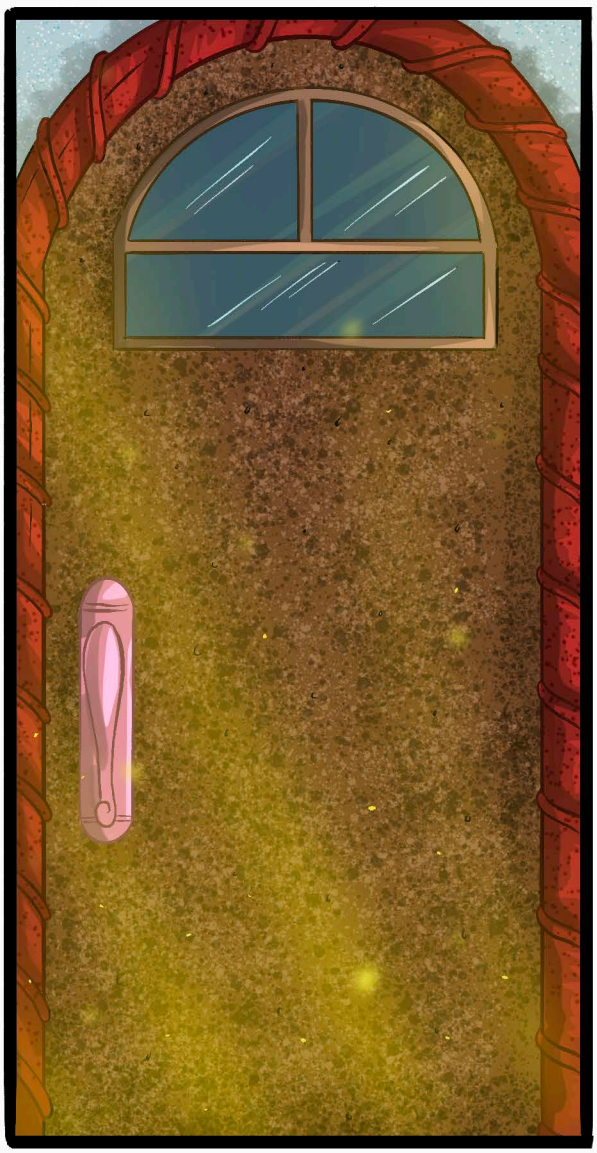
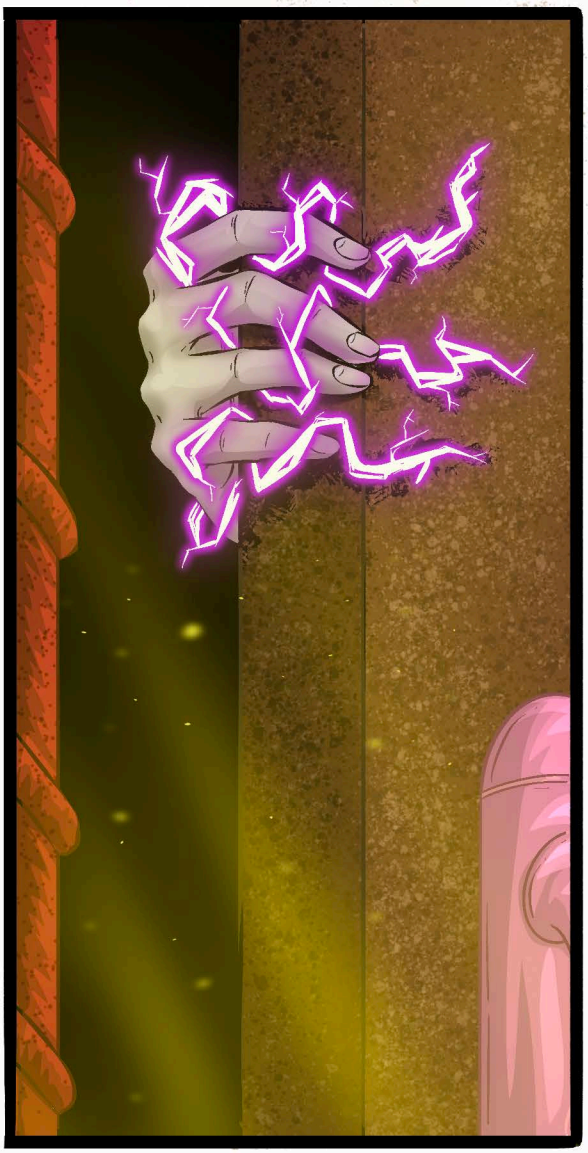
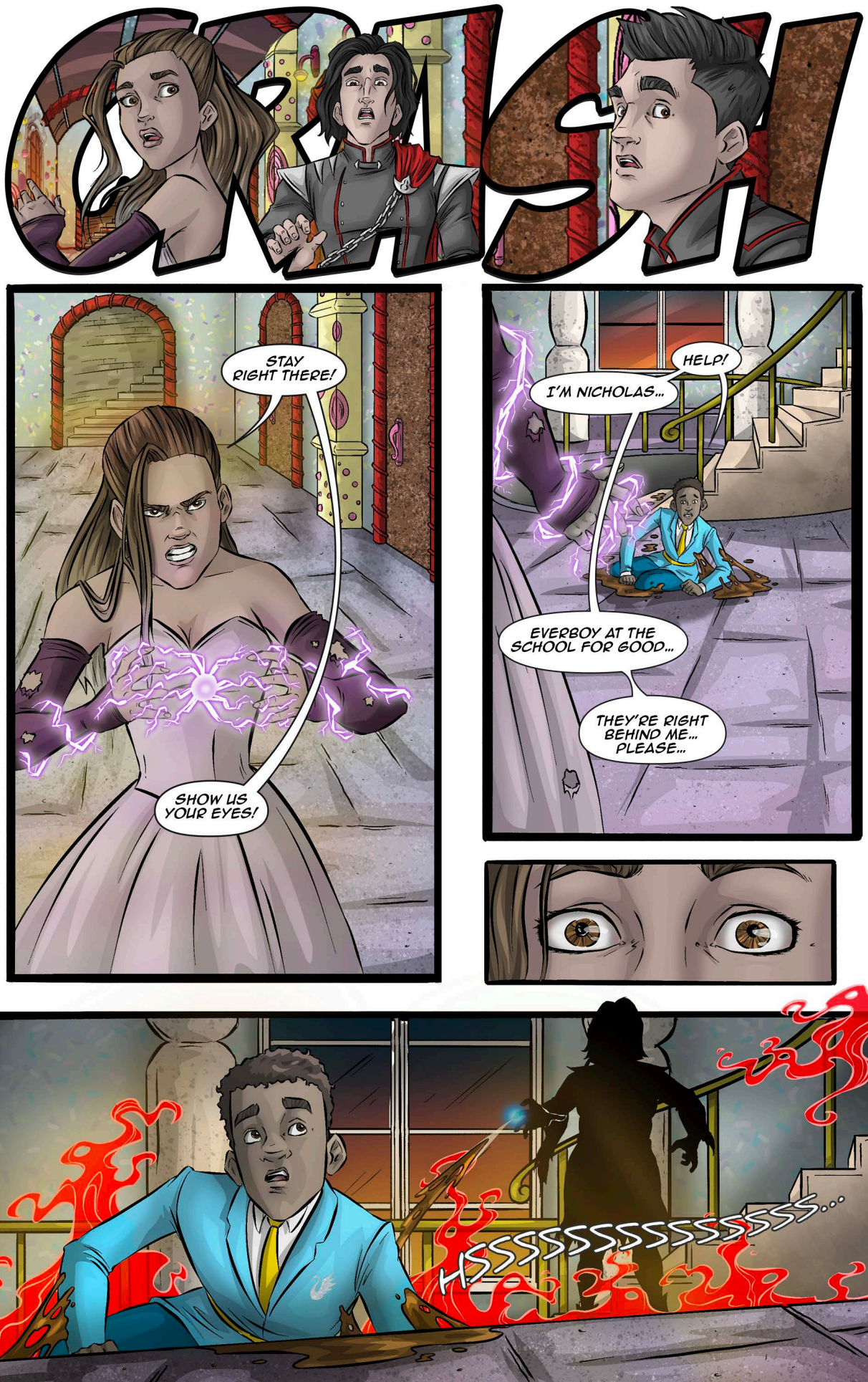
THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD
HANSEL'S HAVEN





CAL, MAVEN... I THINK WE LOST THEM.
SNAP
CAL, WE'RE GUESTS.
WELL DINNER WAS INTERRUPTED, BROTHER.
IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED.
THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO START EATING THE WALLS.
BETTER THAN EATING EACH OTHER.


CRASH!
STAY RIGHT THERE!
SHOW US YOUR EYES!
HELP!
I'M NICHOLAS...
EVERBOY AT THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD...
THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND ME... PLEASE...
HISSSSSSSSSSSSSS...

DOT?

RRRAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!!
WAIT!
PLEASE WAIT!!!

WAAAIIIT!

INSIDE! HURRY!!

WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM BEHIND.

NO TIME!

SLAM

WE CAN SAVE HIM.
YOU'LL DIE DOING IT.

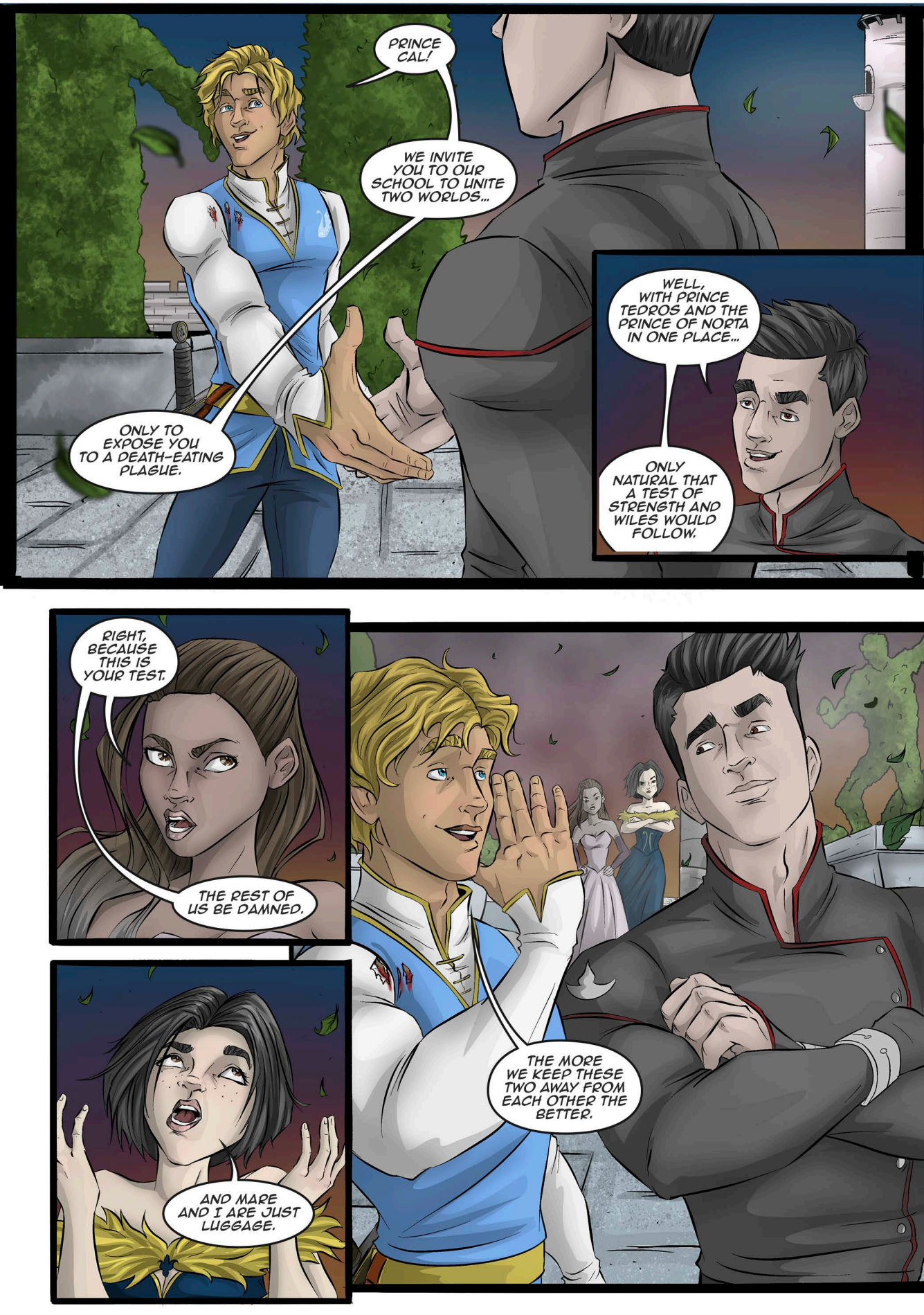
IT'S TOO LATE.

RRRRAAAAAGGGH

AAAAAAAAA—
BANG
WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING.

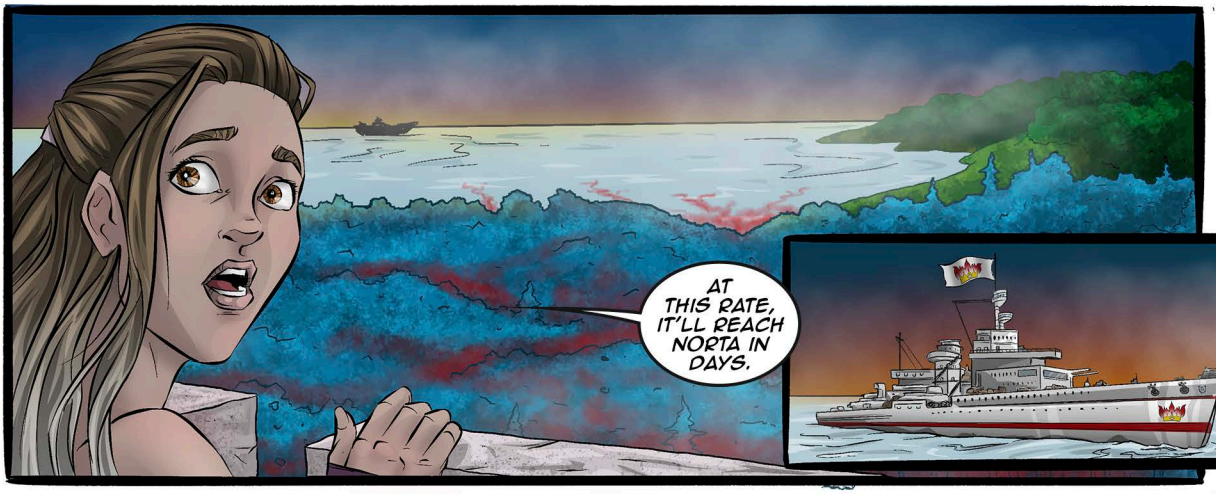
TO WHERE?
SNAP!
WHO'S THERE?!?!
MERLIN'S MENAGERIE

HELLO AGATHA.
QUITE THE WELCOME YOU'VE PREPARED FOR US.
NOT ZOMBIES.

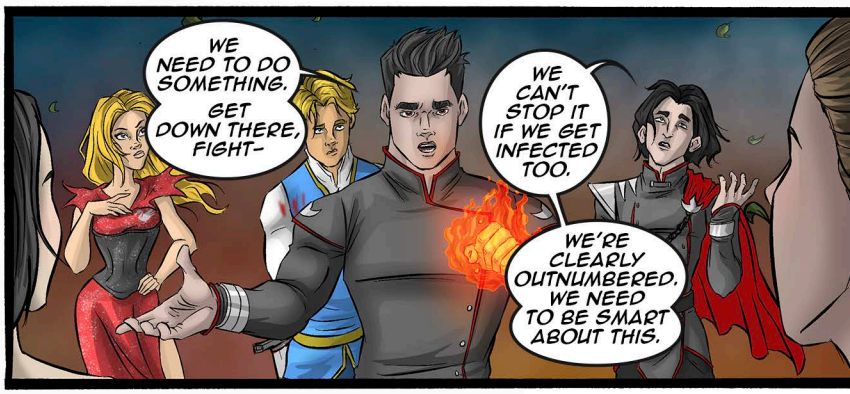

PRINCE CAL!
WE INVITE YOU TO OUR SCHOOL TO UNITE TWO WORLDS...
ONLY TO EXPOSE YOU TO A DEATH-EATING PLAGUE.
WELL, WITH PRINCE TEDROS AND THE PRINCE OF NORTA IN ONE PLACE...
ONLY NATURAL THAT A TEST OF STRENGTH AND WILES WOULD FOLLOW.
RIGHT, BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR TEST.
THE REST OF US BE DAMNED.
THE MORE WE KEEP THESE TWO AWAY FROM EACH OTHER THE BETTER.
AND MARE AND I ARE JUST LUGGAGE.

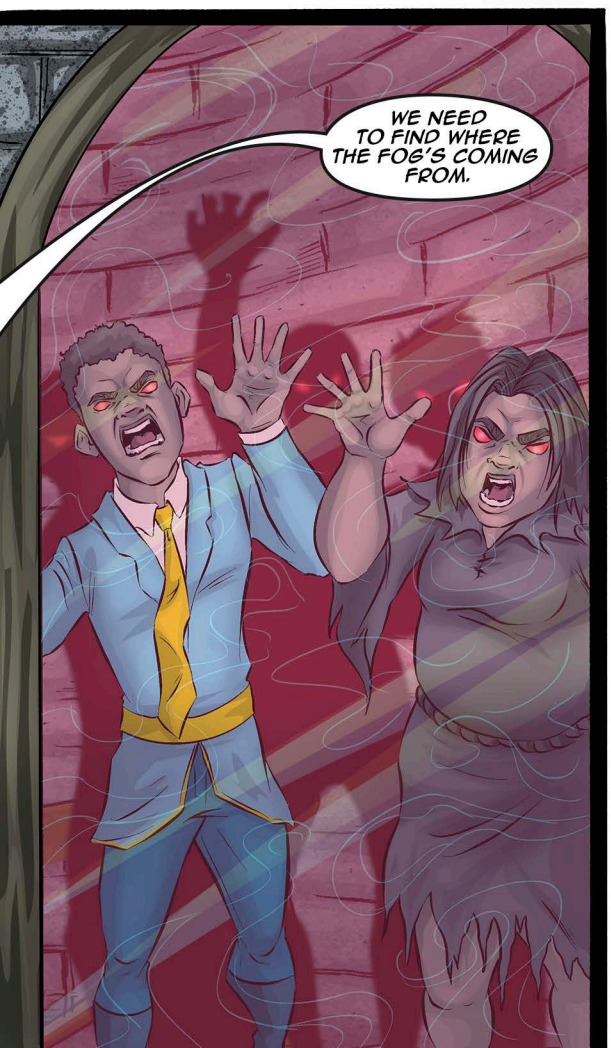
LADY SOPHIE.
THE FIRST WORDS YOU'VE SPOKEN TO ME ALL EVENING, PRINCE OF NORTA, AND THEY'RE WILDLY UNCREATIVE.
SO WHERE ARE WE NOW?
BESIDES DEEP TROUBLE.
THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD.
BRACE YOURSELF.

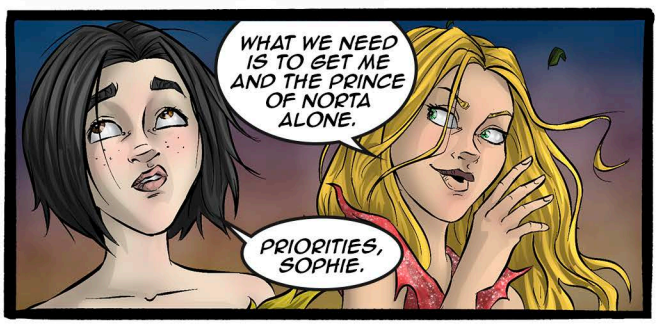
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE...
THE FOG IS SPREADING SO QUICKLY.


AT THIS RATE, IT'LL REACH NORTA IN DAYS.

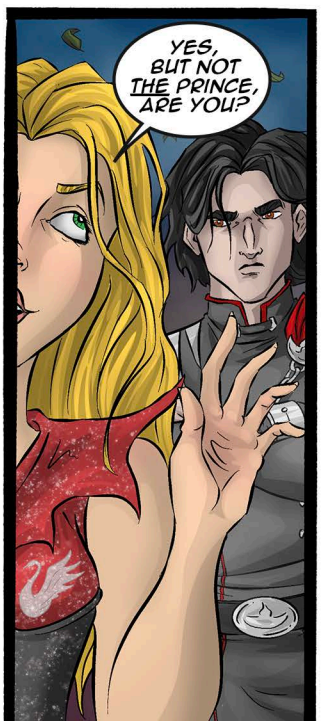
IT'LL COVER THE WOODS IN LESS.
AND IF WE DON'T STOP IT...

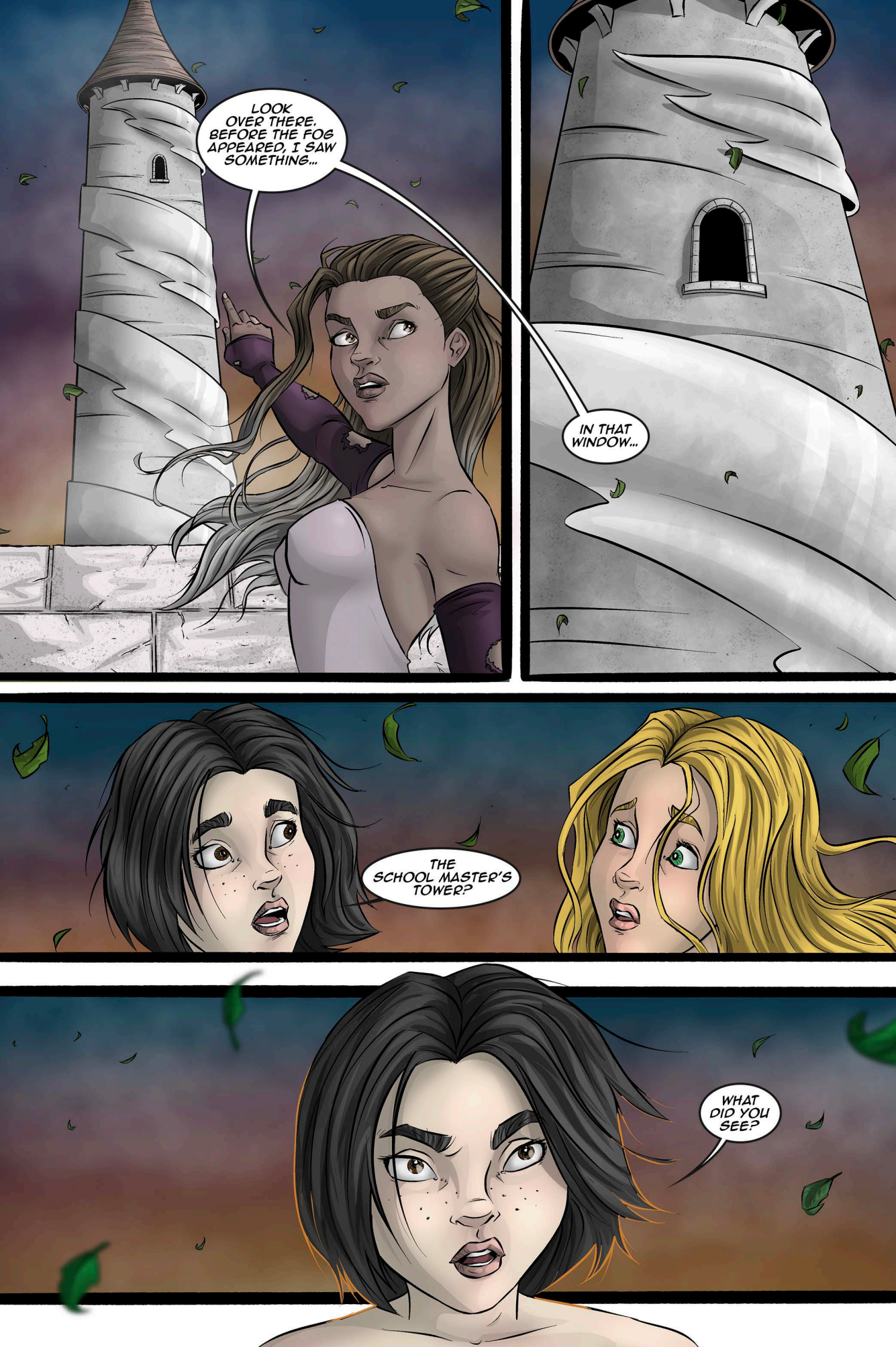

WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. GET DOWN THERE, FIGHT-
WE CAN'T STOP IT IF WE GET INFECTED TOO.
WE'RE CLEARLY OUTNUMBERED. WE NEED TO BE SMART ABOUT THIS.

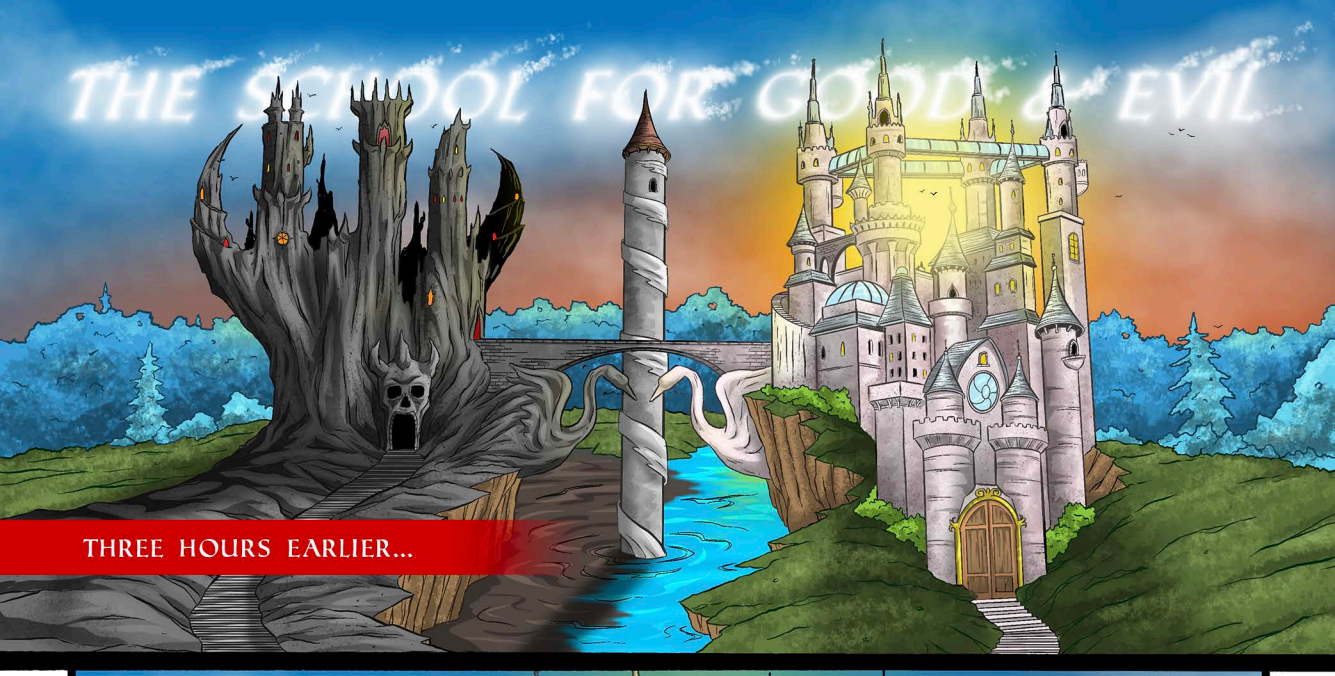

WE NEED TO FIND WHERE THE FOG'S COMING FROM.

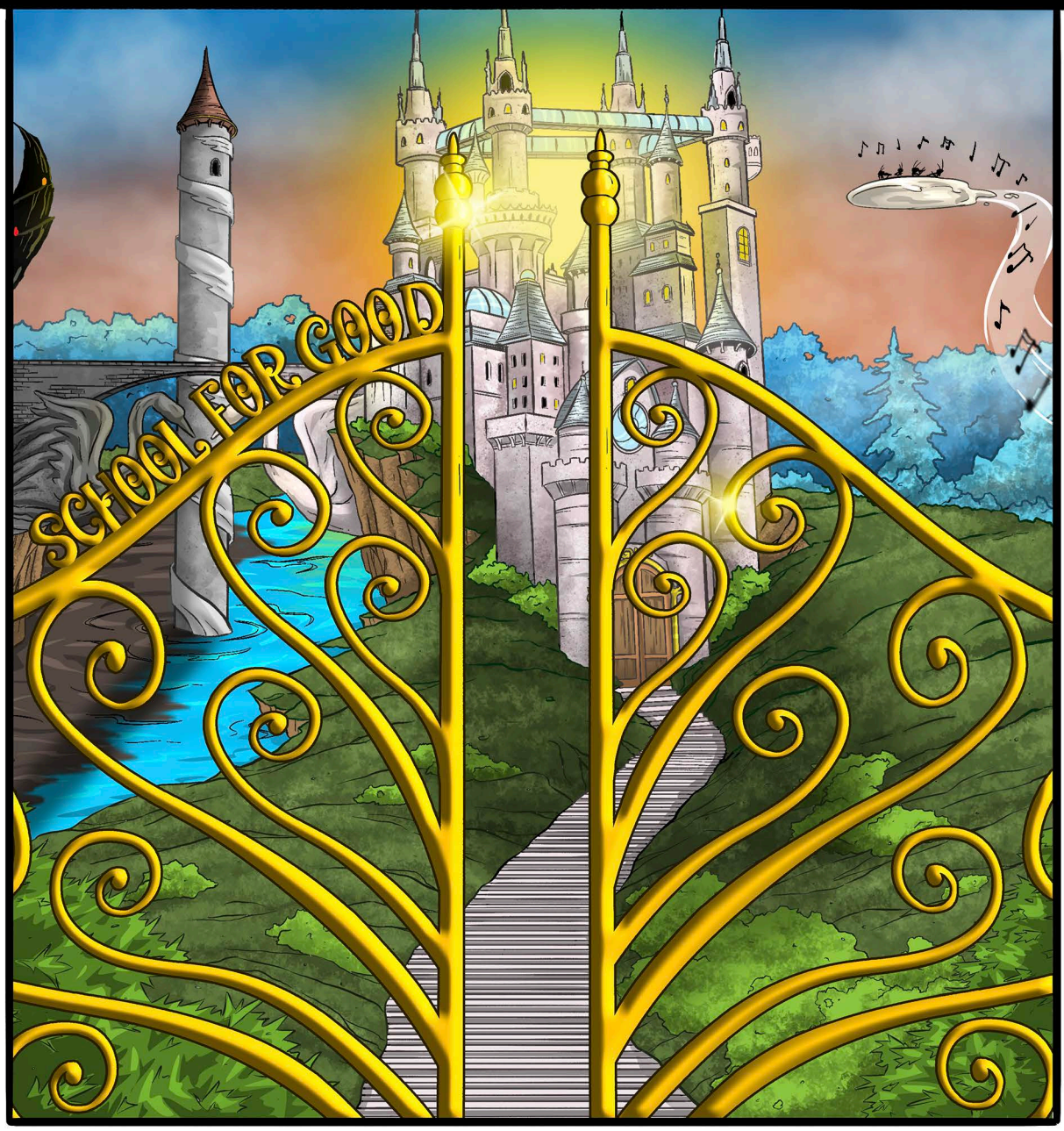

WHAT WE NEED IS TO GET ME AND THE PRINCE OF NORTA ALONE.
PRIORITIES, SOPHIE.

BEING PRINCE OF NORTA ISN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE.
I SHOULD KNOW.
I AM ONE.


YES, BUT NOT THE PRINCE, ARE YOU?


LOOK OVER THERE. BEFORE THE FOG APPEARED, I SAW SOMETHING...
IN THAT WINDOW...
THE SCHOOL MASTER'S TOWER?
WHAT DID YOU SEE?


THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD & EVIL
THREE HOURS EARLIER...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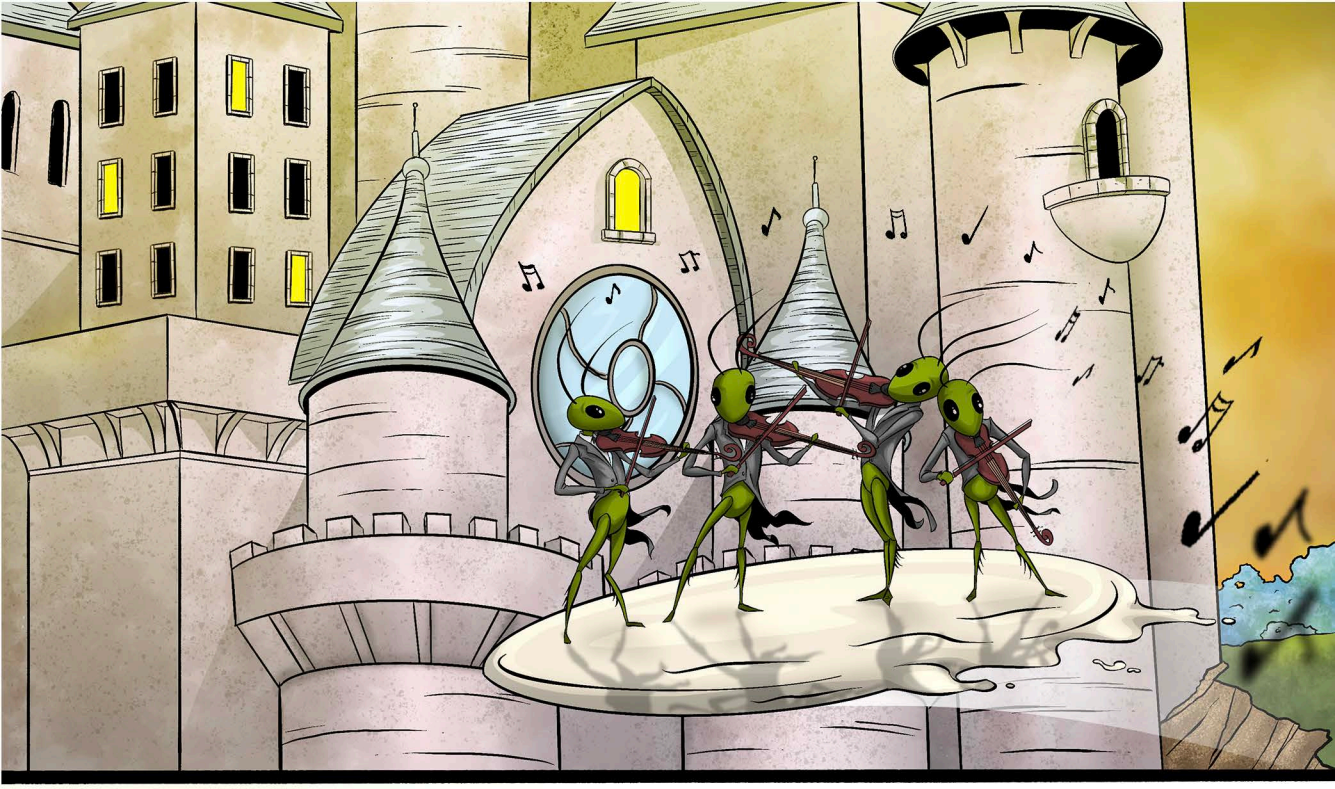
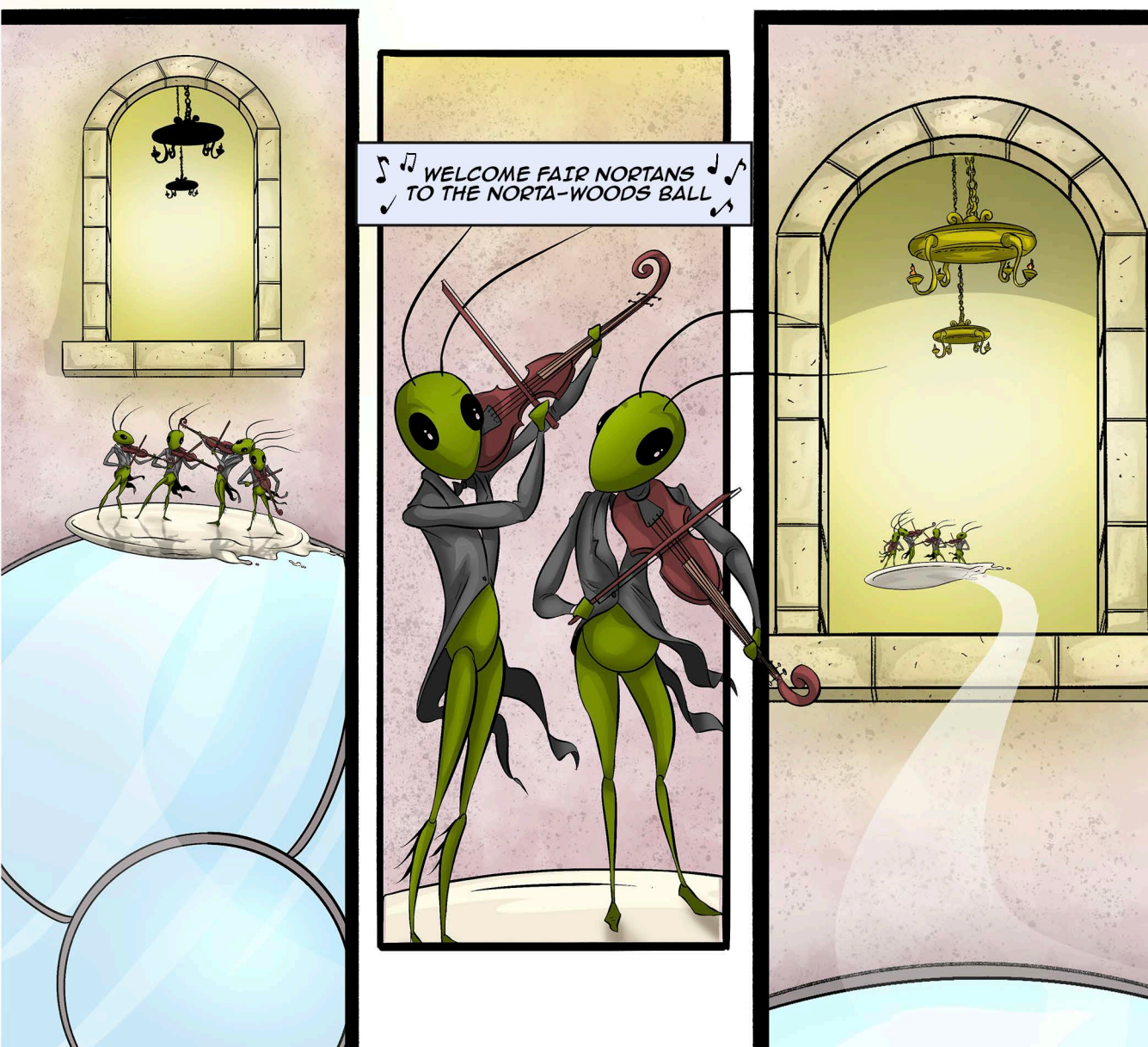
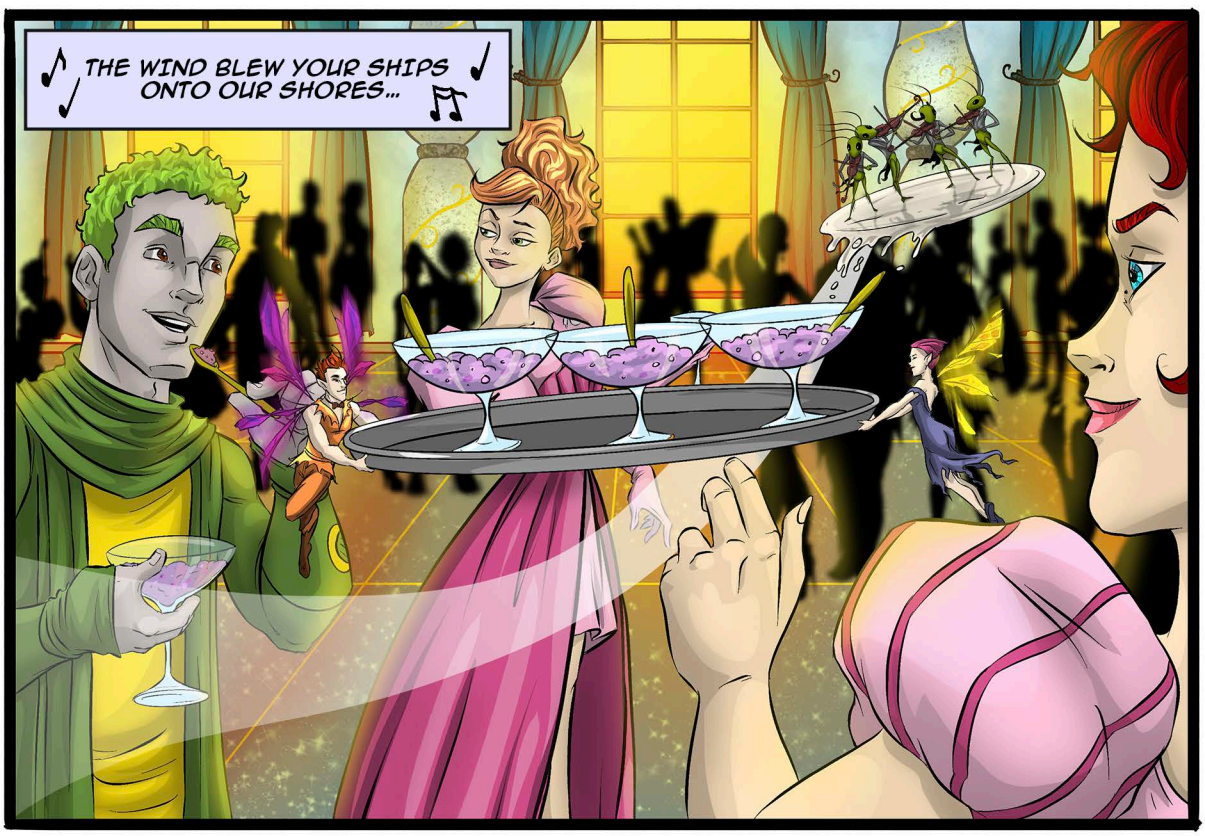



WELCOME FAIR NORTANS
TO THE NORTA-WOODS BALL

AT THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL
IN OUR FAMOUS GOOD HALL...


THE WIND BLEW YOUR SHIPS
ONTO OUR SHORES...

♪♩ HERE IN THE ENDLESS WOODS, A NEW WORLD TO EXPLORE... ♪♩

♪♩ SO HAPPY ARE WE TO HOST YOU AT LAST TONIGHT IS A PLAY AND WE ARE ITS CAST: ♪

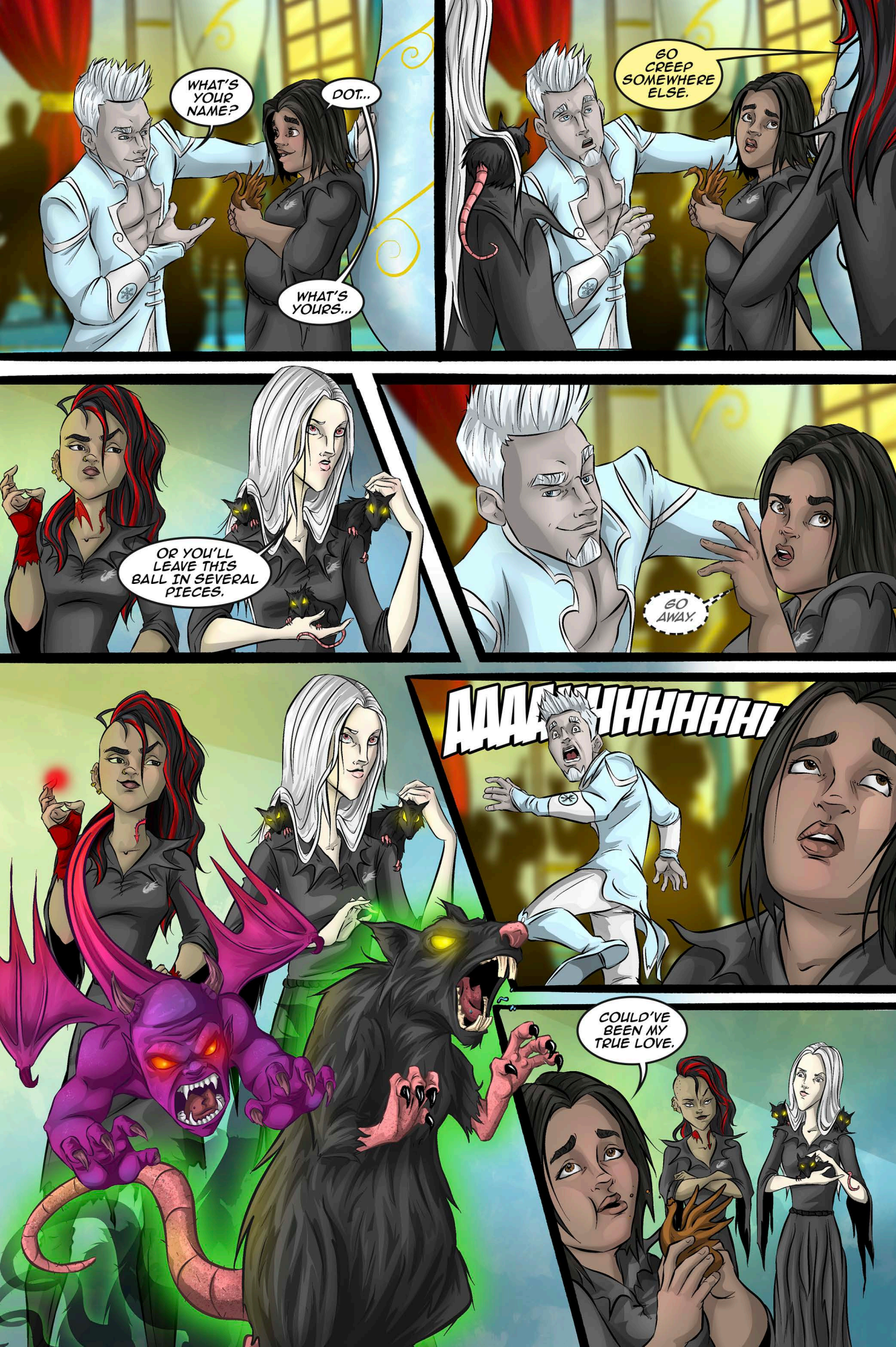
♪ REDS AND SILVERS... EVERS AND NEVERS... ♪

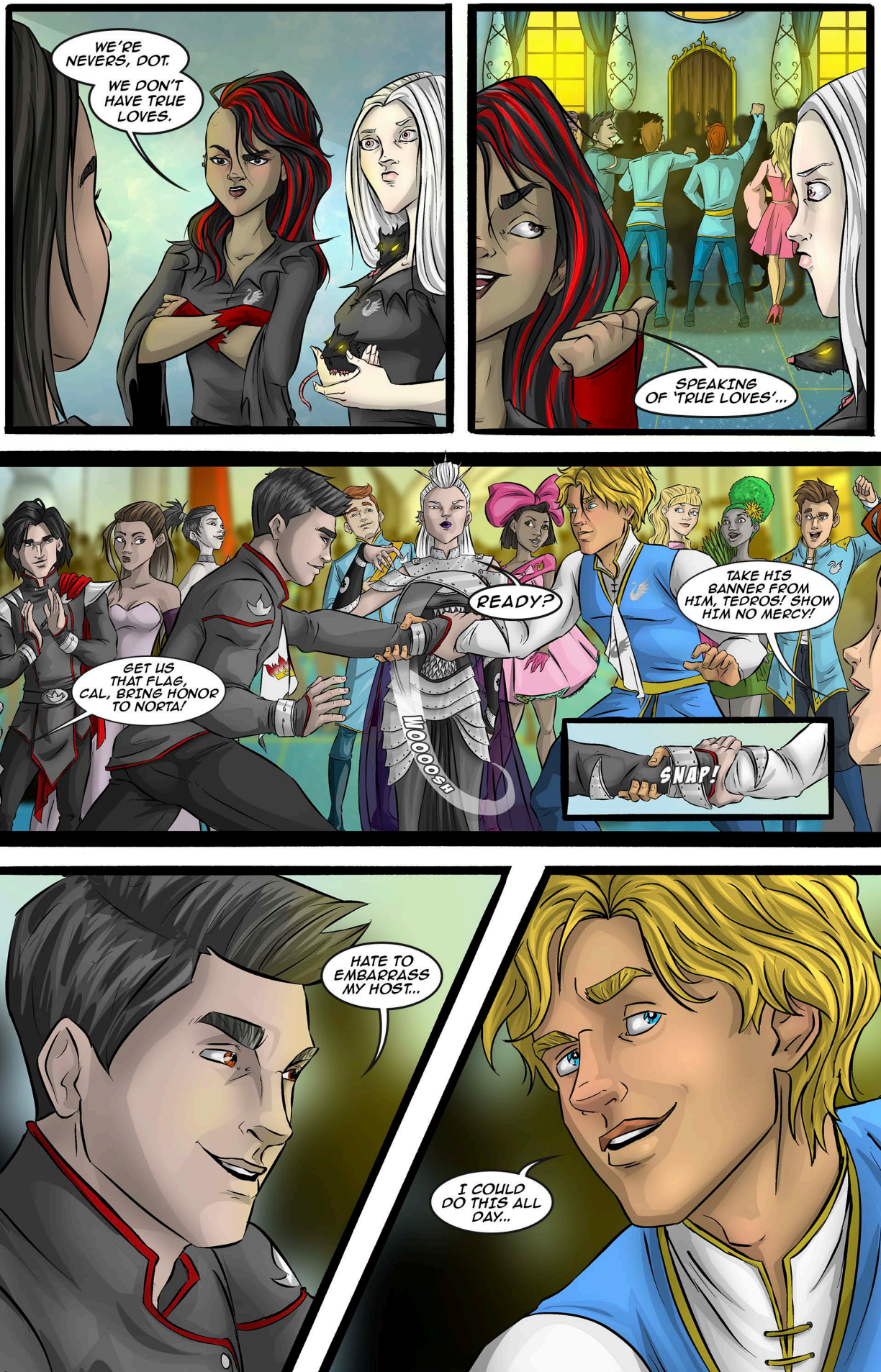
TSSSSSSS

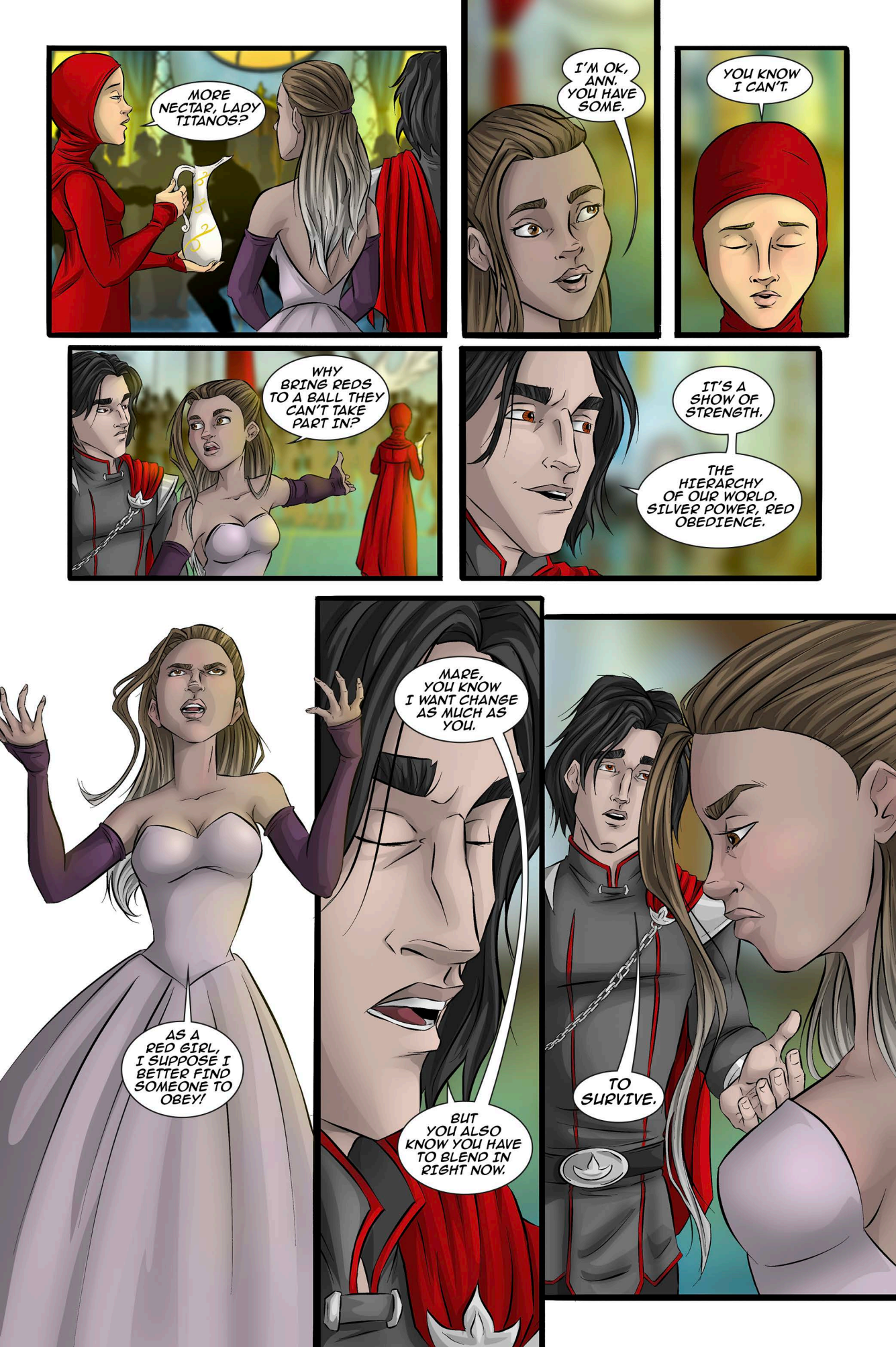
♪♩ TWO WORLDS, UNITED FOREVER! ♪

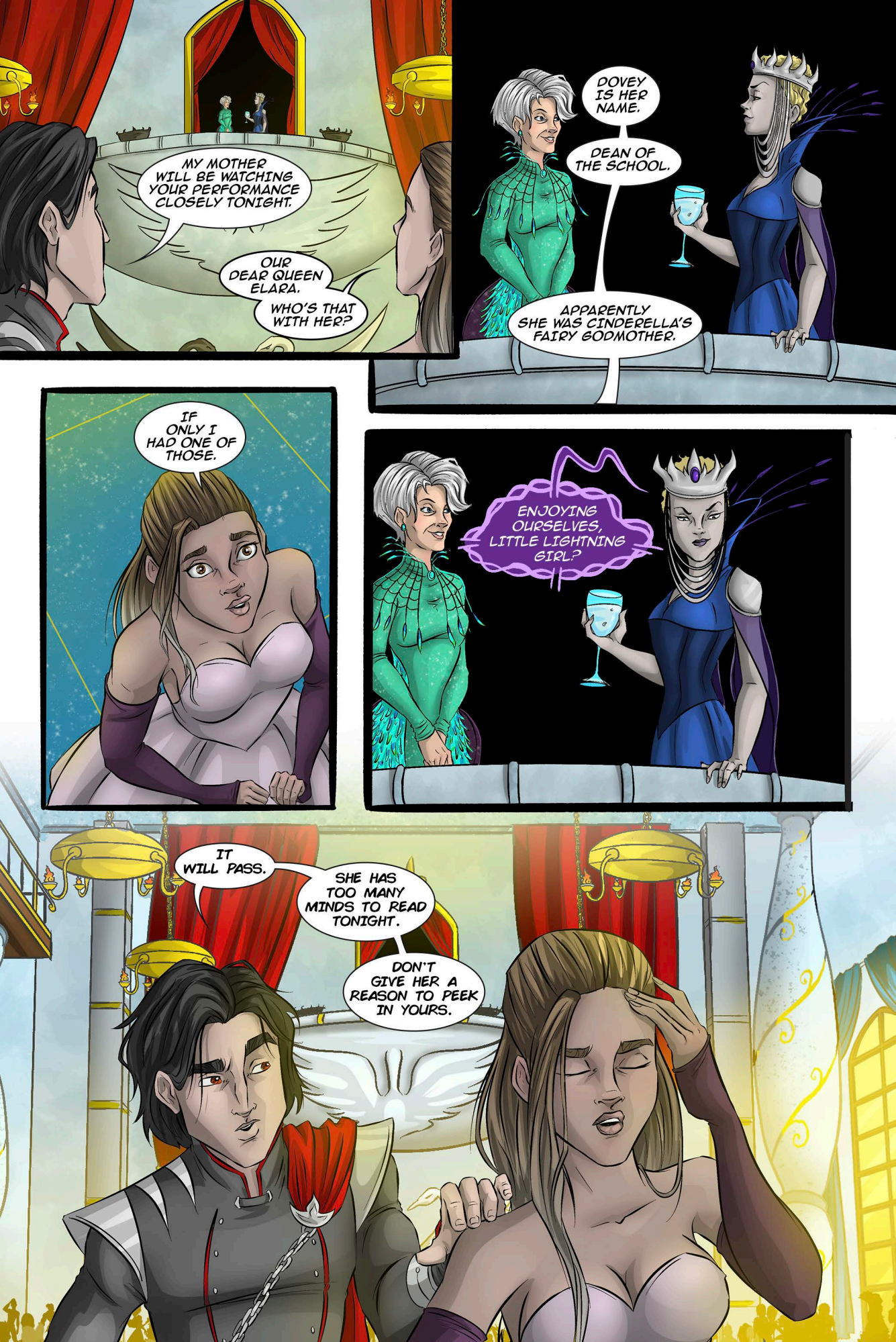
SHOOP

CHOCOLATE?

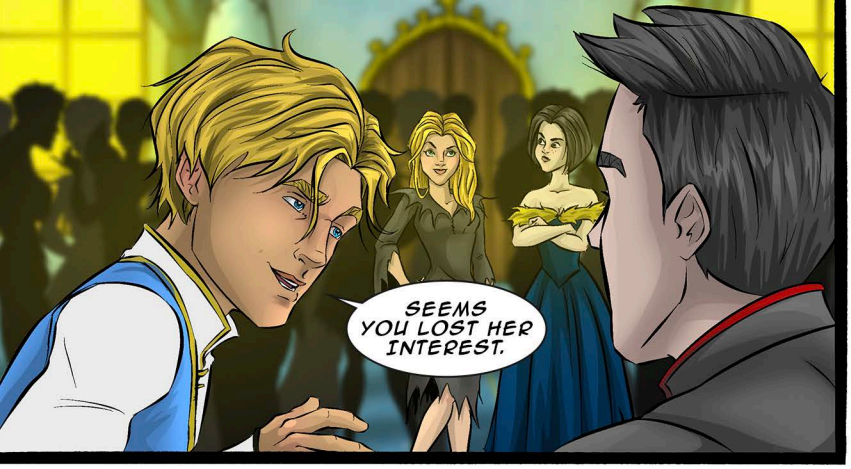

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
DOT...
WHAT'S YOURS...
GO CREEP SOMEWHERE ELSE.
OR YOU'LL LEAVE THIS BALL IN SEVERAL PIECES.
GO AWAY.
AAAAHHHHHHH!
COULD'VE BEEN MY TRUE LOVE.


WE'RE NEVERS, DOT.
WE DON'T HAVE TRUE LOVES.
SPEAKING OF 'TRUE LOVES'...
GET US THAT FLAG, CAL, BRING HONOR TO NORTA!
READY?
WOOOOSH
TAKE HIS BANNER FROM HIM, TEDROS! SHOW HIM NO MERCY!
SNAP!
HATE TO EMBARRASS MY HOST...
I COULD DO THIS ALL DAY...


MORE NECTAR, LADY TITANOS?
I'M OK, ANN. YOU HAVE SOME.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T.
WHY BRING REDS TO A BALL THEY CAN'T TAKE PART IN?
IT'S A SHOW OF STRENGTH.
THE HIERARCHY OF OUR WORLD. SILVER POWER, RED OBEDIENCE.
AS A RED GIRL, I SUPPOSE I BETTER FIND SOMEONE TO OBEY!
MARE, YOU KNOW I WANT CHANGE AS MUCH AS YOU.
BUT YOU ALSO KNOW YOU HAVE TO BLEND IN RIGHT NOW.
TO SURVIVE.

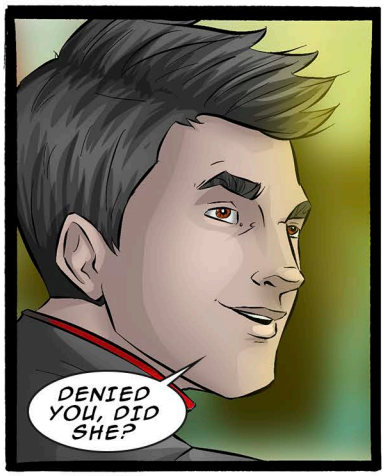

MY MOTHER WILL BE WATCHING YOUR PERFORMANCE CLOSELY TONIGHT.
OUR DEAR QUEEN ELARA.
WHO'S THAT WITH HER?
DOVEY IS HER NAME.
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL.
APPARENTLY SHE WAS CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER.
IF ONLY I HAD ONE OF THOSE.
ENJOYING OURSELVES, LITTLE LIGHTNING GIRL?
IT WILL PASS.
SHE HAS TOO MANY MINDS TO READ TONIGHT.
DON'T GIVE HER A REASON TO PEEK IN YOURS.

C'MON, CAL, PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT!
SNAP
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING YOUR BETROTHED.
IF YOU ARE GOING TO FIGHT, DO IT LIKE REAL MEN.
WOOOOSH


SEEMS YOU LOST HER INTEREST.

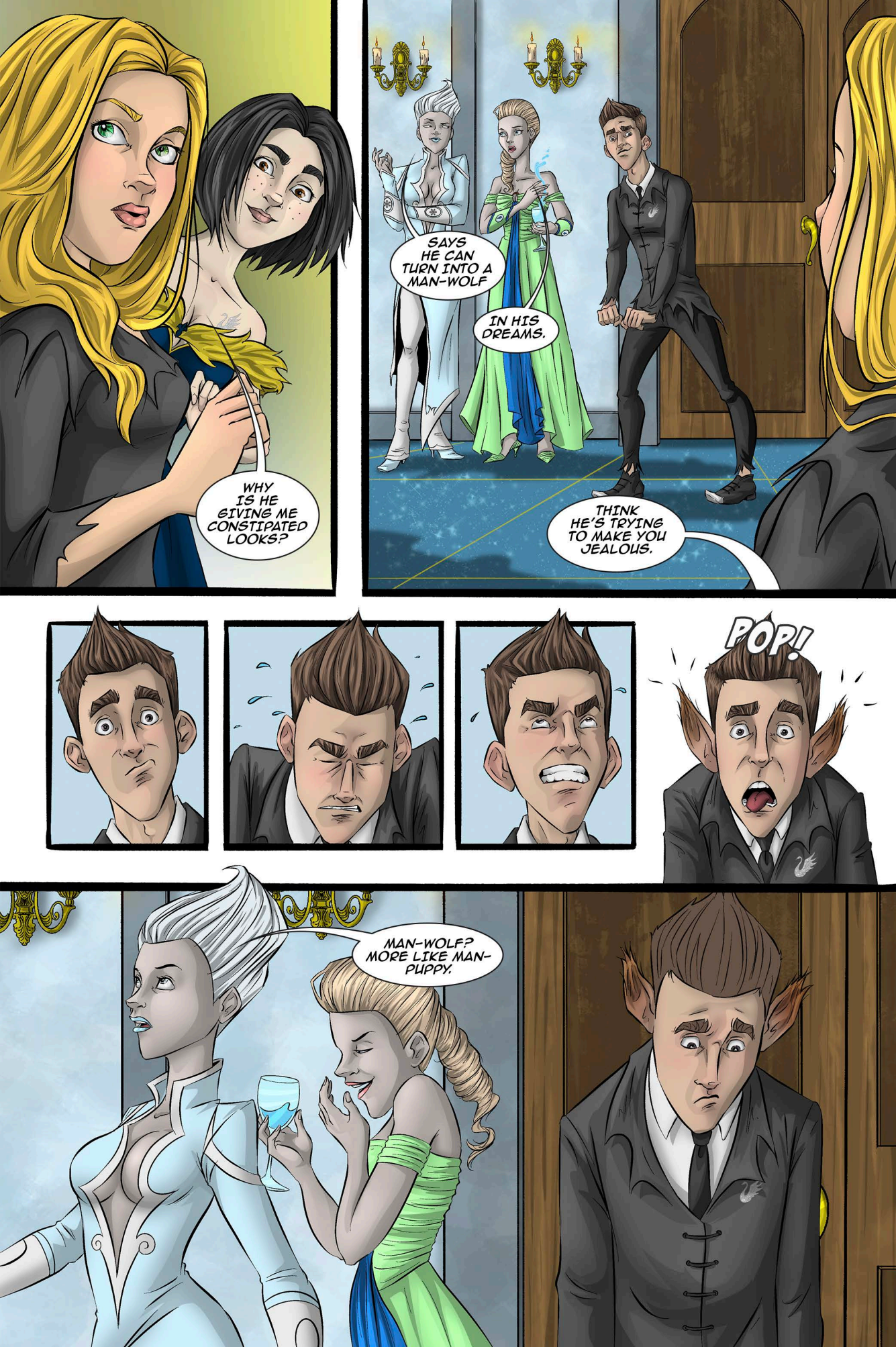
I WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR HER.

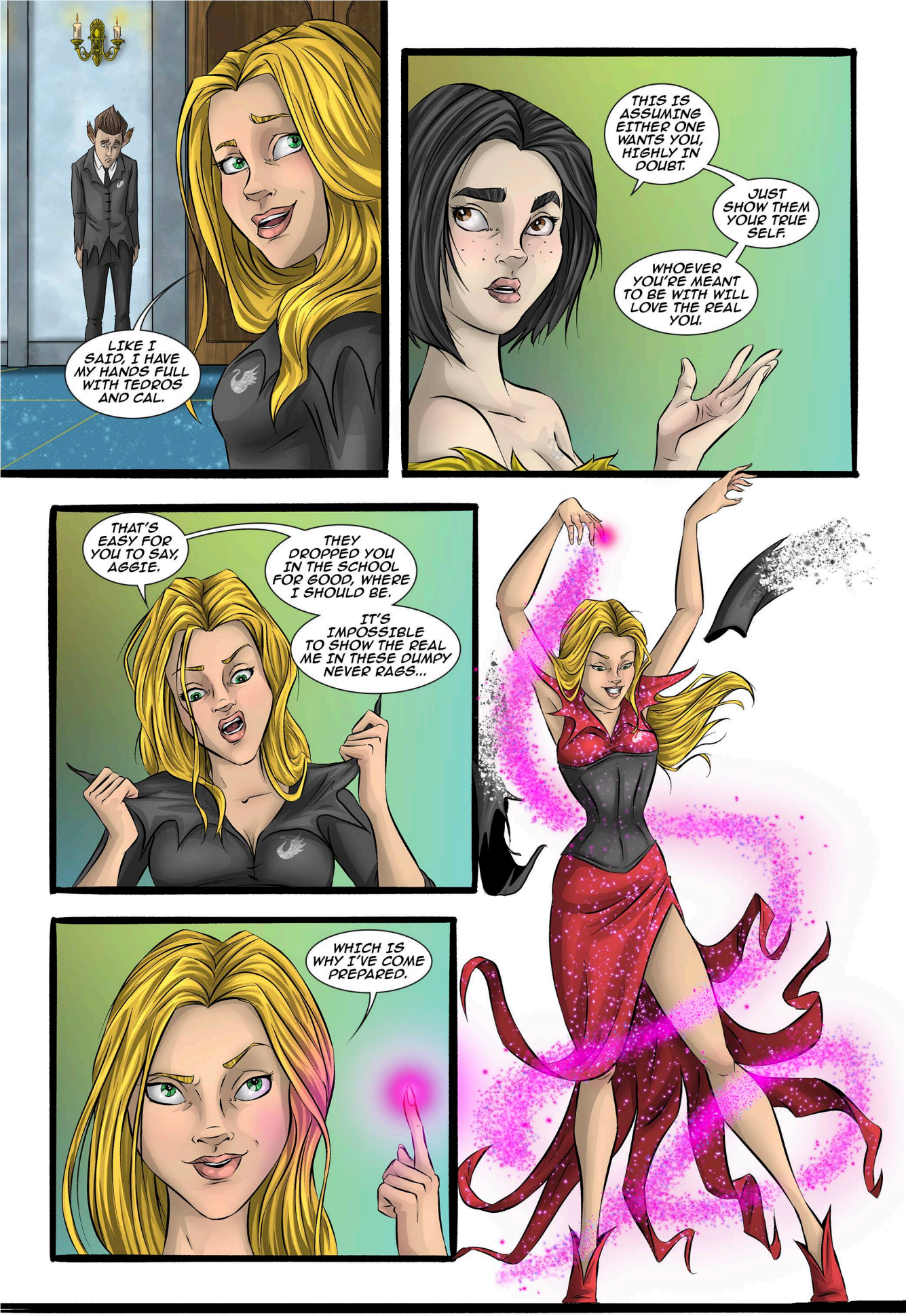
EH, STAY AWAY FROM THAT ONE.

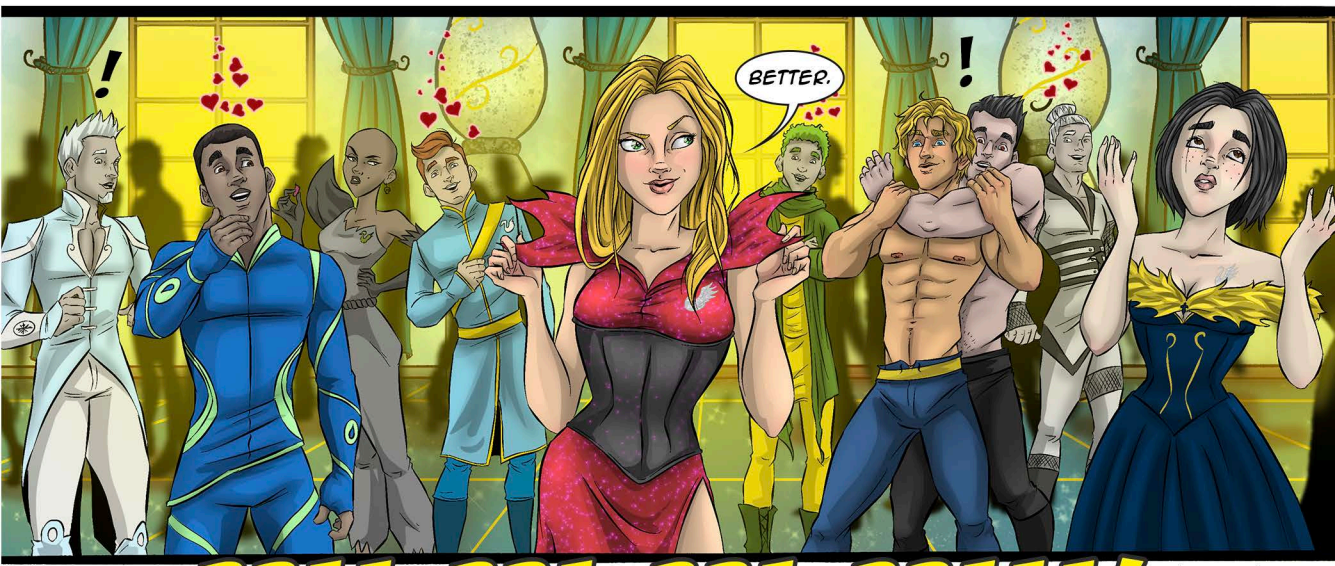

DENIED YOU, DID SHE?

NO ONE DENIES ME.

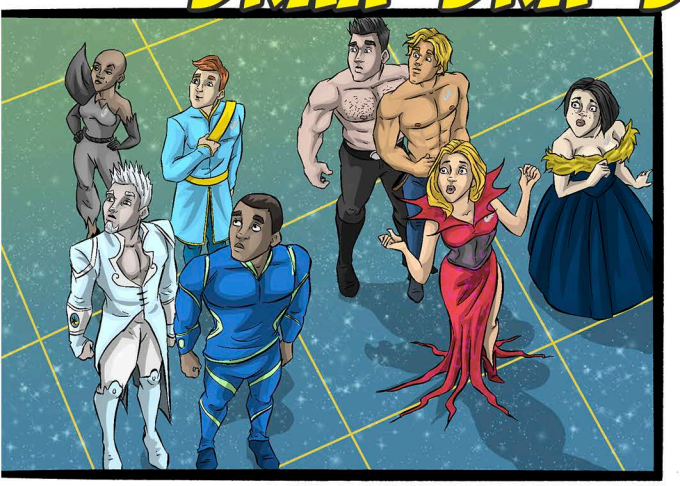
LET'S TEST THAT...
...SHALL WE?
ANY EXCUSE TO GET HIS SHIRT OFF
I'M NOT COMPLAINING.
SLAM
CAN I KEEP HIM?
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TEDROS.
GIVE ME ALL THE PRINCES!
WELL, PRINCE CAL'S ENGAGED TO THAT EVANGELINE GIRL.
TEN MINUTES WITH HIM IN A BROOM CLOSET AND THEY'LL BE UNENGAGED.
THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT MEN IN UNIFORM...
HORT'S WEARING A UNIFORM.

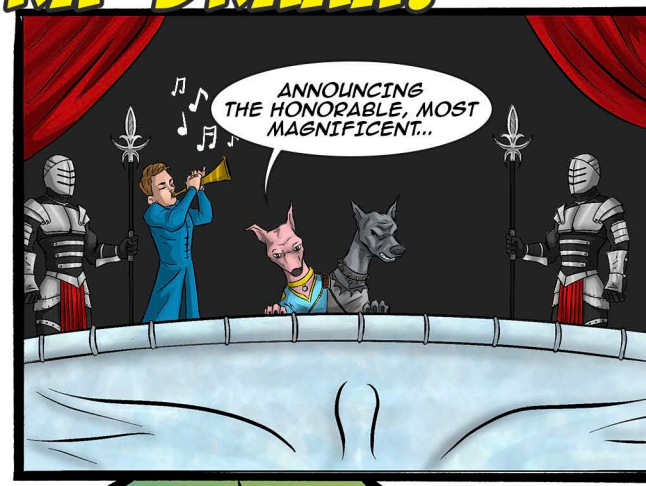

WHY IS HE GIVING ME CONSTIPATED LOOKS?
SAYS HE CAN TURN INTO A MAN-WOLF
IN HIS DREAMS.
THINK HE'S TRYING TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS.
POP!
MAN-WOLF? MORE LIKE MAN-PUPPY.

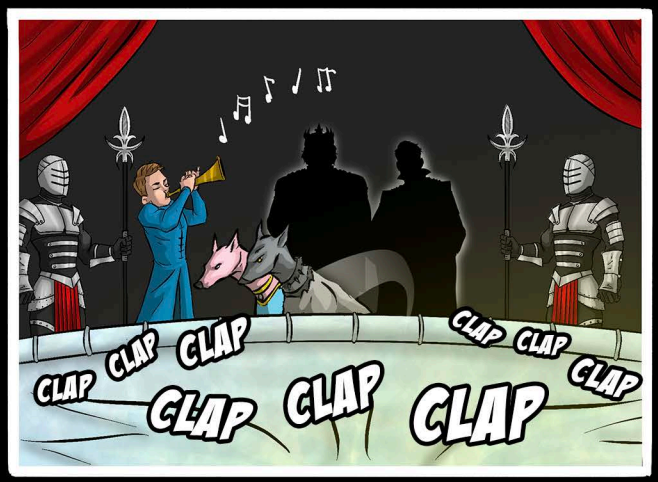

LIKE I SAID, I HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH TEDROS AND CAL.
THIS IS ASSUMING EITHER ONE WANTS YOU, HIGHLY IN DOUBT.
JUST SHOW THEM YOUR TRUE SELF.
WHOEVER YOU'RE MEANT TO BE WITH WILL LOVE THE REAL YOU.
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, AGGIE.
THEY DROPPED YOU IN THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD, WHERE I SHOULD BE.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOW THE REAL ME IN THESE DUMPY NEVER RAGS...
WHICH IS WHY I'VE COME PREPARED.



BRAA-BRA-BRA-BRAAA!







GOOD EVENING EVERS, NEVERS, GRACIOUS HOSTS OF THE ENDLESS WOODS.

AND A WELCOME TO YOU, REDS, SILVERS, HONORED GUESTS FROM NORTA.

MERE MONTHS AGO, NORTAN EXPLORERS LANDED ON THE SHORES OF THE ENDLESS WOODS, AND OUR TWO WORLDS MET.
TONIGHT, WE CELEBRATE THIS DISCOVERY, AND A NEW ERA OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR WORLDS.
AND SO, AS YOU LOOK AROUND THIS EVENING, WE ASK YOU TO SEE NOT THE DIFFERENCES, BUT THE SIMILARITIES THAT UNITE YOU.
TO PEACE AND COOPERATION.

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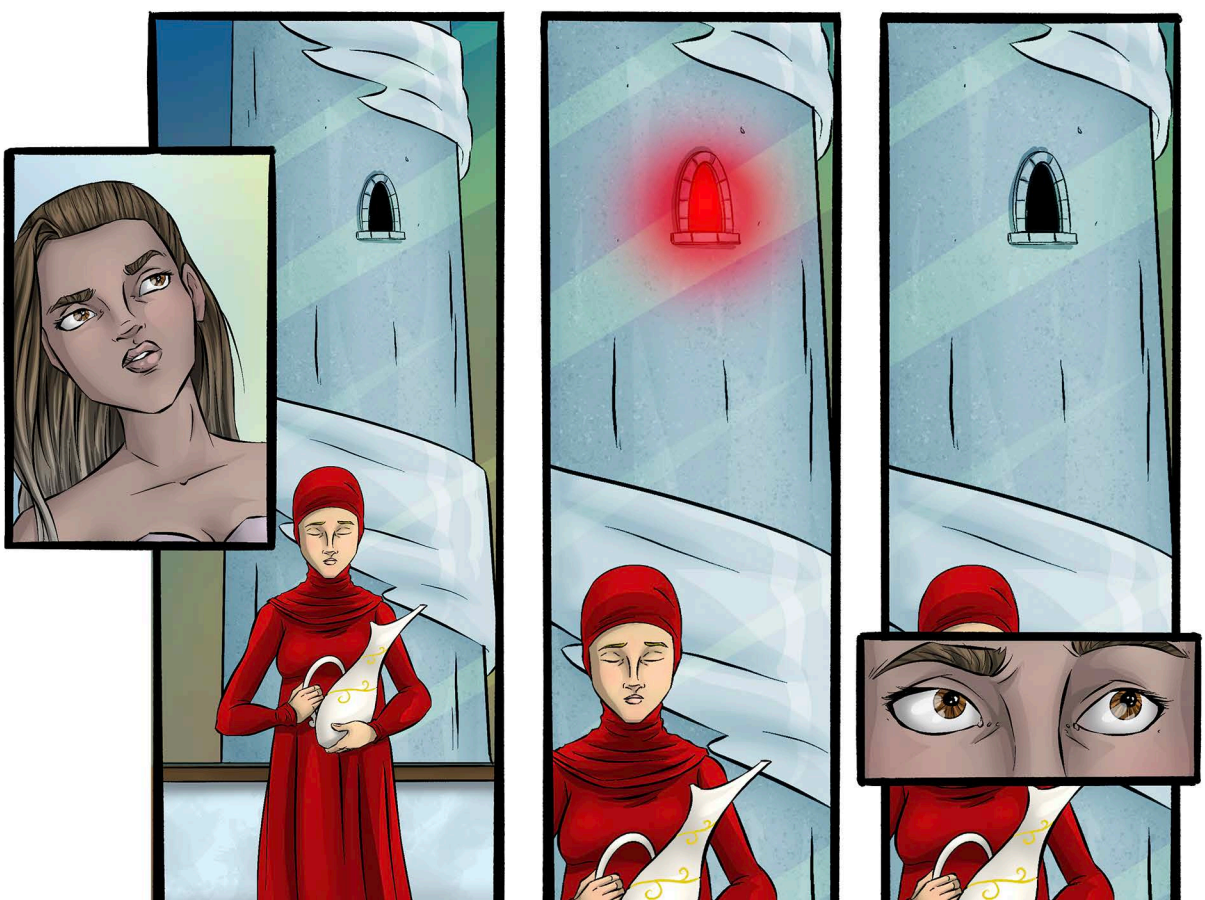


NOW, WITH FORMALITIES OUT OF THE WAY, LET THE DANCING BEG--
?
HSSSS...
HSSSSSSSSSSSSS...
HSSSS...
?
AAAAAAAAHHHH--

ROOOOAAARRRR!

BAAAM!
WHAM!
HORT, LISTEN TO ME.
YOU'VE BEEN HIT BY SOME KIND OF SPELL.
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YO--

SMACK!

UNNHG!

CRACK!

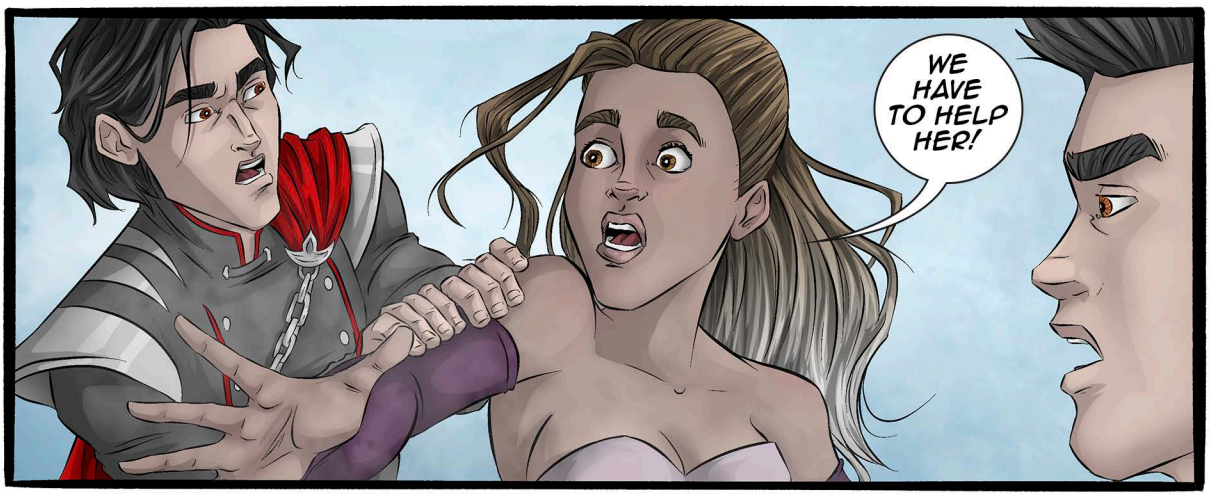
CRASH!

CAL!
LOOK OUT!
SLASH
MARE, YOUR ARM!
SOMEONE MIGHT SEE!

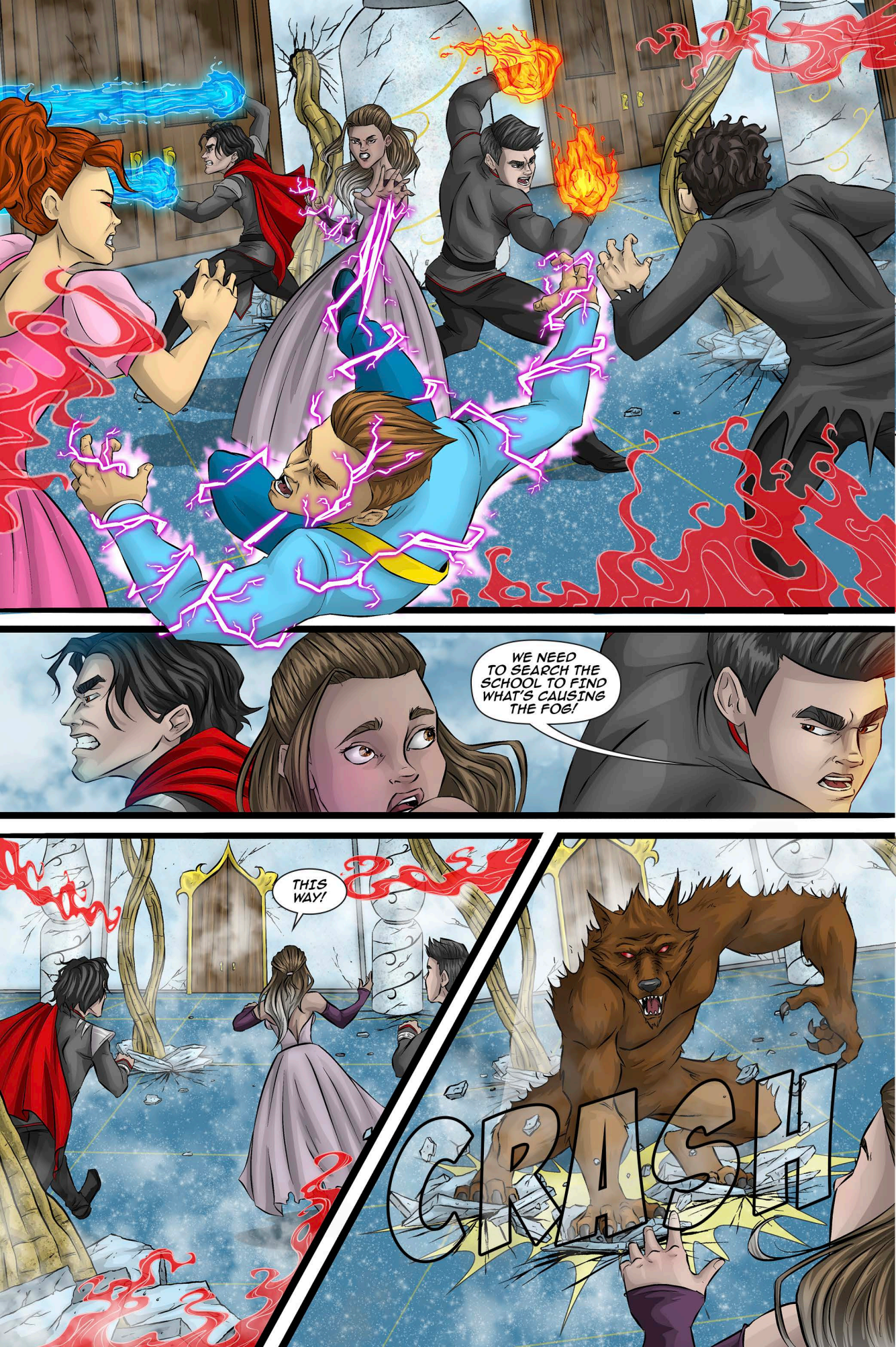
TEDROS!
SOPHIE!
HELP ME CARRY HIM!
HE'S A BOY!
BOYS ARE HEAVY!
AND MY DRESS--
SOPHIE!

SHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
NOOOO

ANNE!


WE HAVE TO HELP HER!

MARE, IT'S TOO LATE.


WE NEED TO SEARCH THE SCHOOL TO FIND WHAT'S CAUSING THE FOG!
THIS WAY!
CRASH

RAAWWRR
SHHHHHHNK
SHHHHHHNNNNNK

CRASH!
GET 'EM GIRLS.
WE'LL HOLD HIM OFF AS LONG AS WE CAN.
FIND OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THIS FOG, CAL. AND DON'T YOU DARE DIE BEFORE THE WEDDING.

RIIIIP
YOU'RE WELCOME...
LITTLE LIGHTNING GIRL.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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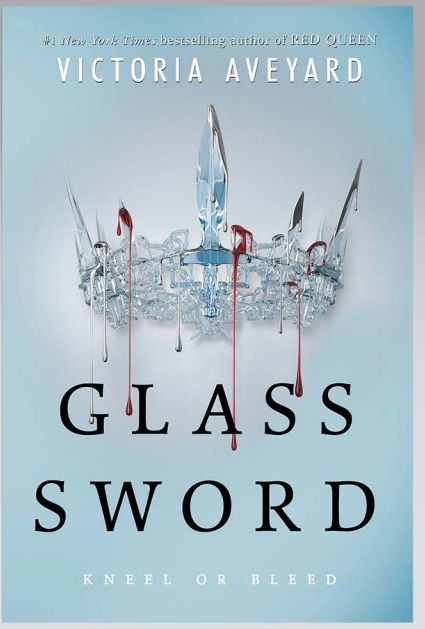

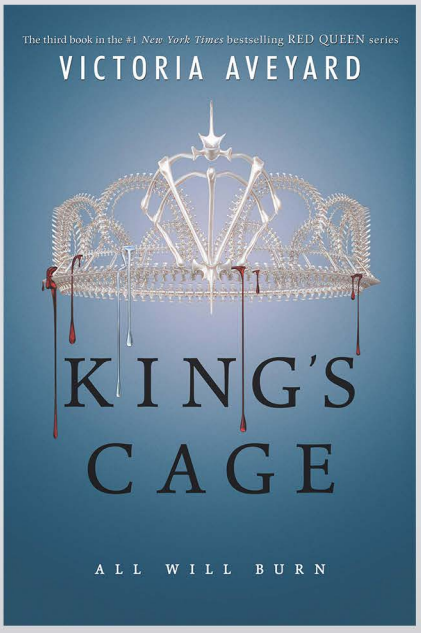

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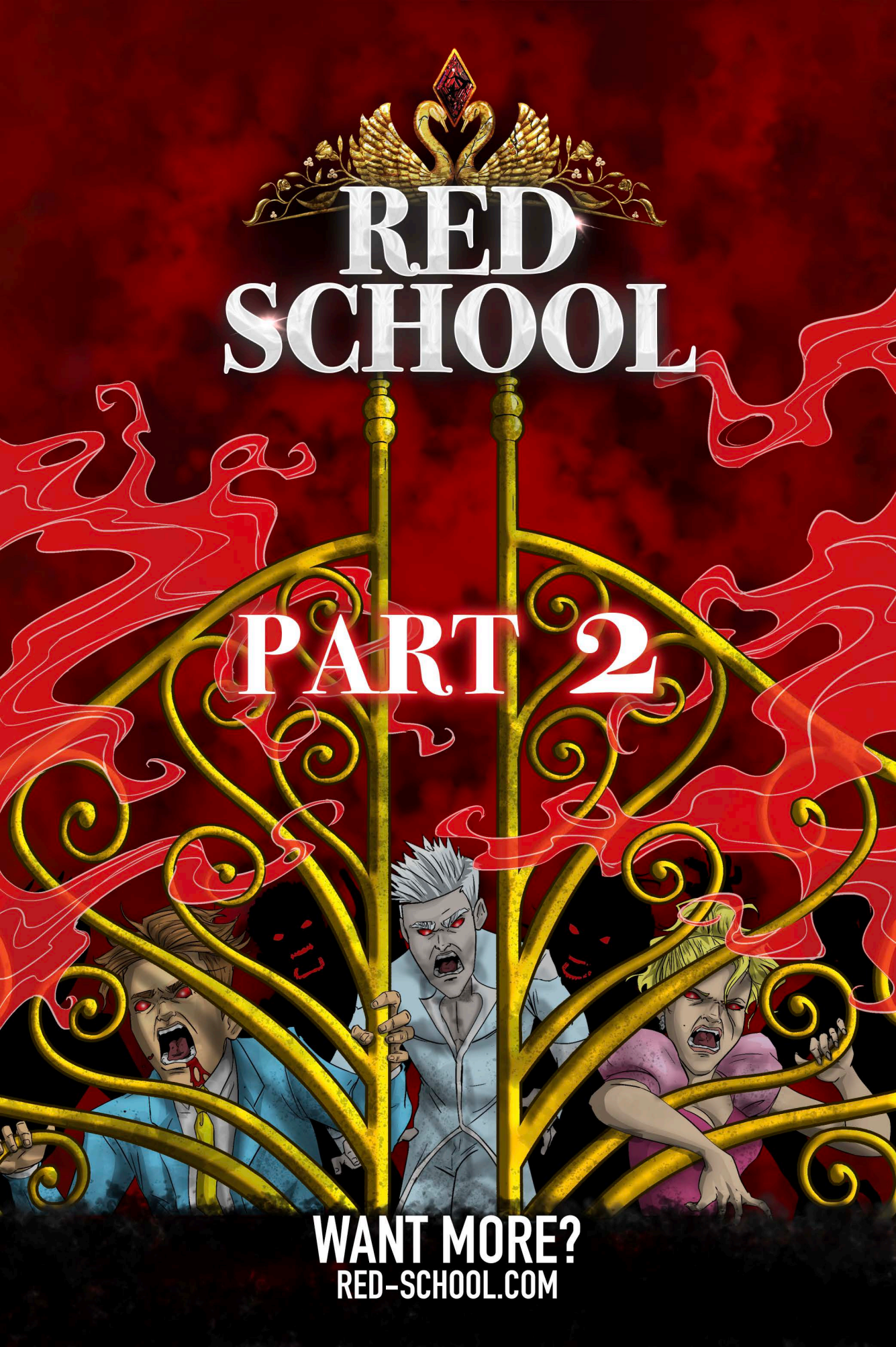
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